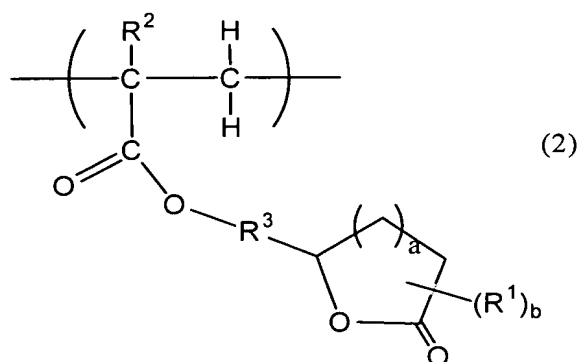


a¹
wherein a is an integer from 1-3, b is an integer from 0-9, R³ represents a linear or branched divalent hydrocarbon group of which the main chain has 1-5 carbon atoms, and R¹ represents a monovalent organic group, and

(B) a photoacid generator.

2. (Amended) A radiation sensitive resin composition comprising:

(A) an acid-dissociable group-containing resin which is insoluble or scarcely soluble in alkali and becomes alkali soluble when the acid-dissociable group dissociates, the resin comprising a recurring unit of the following formula (2)

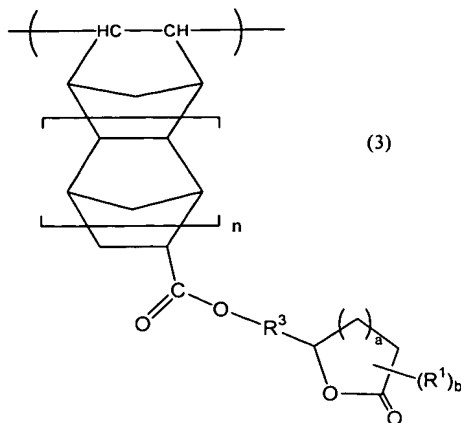


wherein a is an integer from 1 to 3, b is an integer from 0 to 9, R¹ represents a monovalent organic group, R² represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group, and R³ represents a linear or branched divalent hydrocarbon group of which the main chain has 1-5 carbon atoms; and

(B) a photoacid generator.

5. (Amended) A radiation sensitive resin composition comprising:

a²
(A) an acid-dissociable group-containing resin which is insoluble or scarcely soluble in alkali and becomes alkali soluble when the acid-dissociable group dissociates, the resin comprising a recurring unit of the following formula (3):



wherein a is an integer from 1 to 3, b is an integer from 0 to 9, n is an integer from 0 to 2, R¹ represents a monovalent organic group, and R³ represents a linear or branched divalent hydrocarbon group of which the main chain has 1-5 carbon atoms; and

(B) a photoacid generator.

Please add the following new claims:

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--17. (New) The radiation-sensitive resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the resin of component (A) further comprises at least one other recurring unit having an alicyclic hydrocarbon skeleton in the main chain and/or side chain.

18. (New) The radiation-sensitive resin composition according to Claim 2, wherein the resin of component (A) further comprises at least one other recurring unit having an alicyclic hydrocarbon skeleton in the main chain and/or side chain.

19. (New) The radiation-sensitive resin composition according to Claim 5, wherein the resin of component (A) further comprises at least one other recurring unit having an alicyclic hydrocarbon skeleton in the main chain and/or side chain.--